



Tio Hardiman, director of CeaseFire Illinois, takes his message to the streets with hopes of curtailing violence before it begins.

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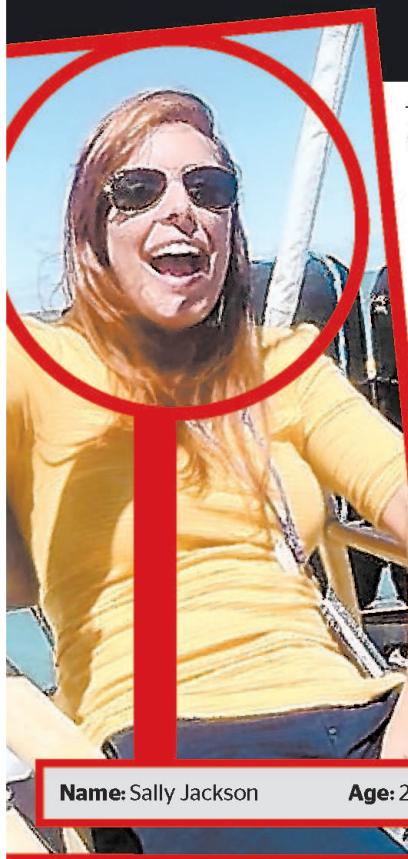
WHO YOU VIBIN'?

The first installment of RedEye's "Who You Vibin'?" online contest has come to a close, and the winner is ... Sally Jackson. We put Jackson's dater profile along with two other single ladies on RedEye's blog and asked readers to vote on whom they're vibin' the most. Their overwhelming response was for the redhead from Lincoln Park. So what does she get? We like to think of this as a massive Craigslist ad personal. If you're interested in getting in touch with Jackson, her e-mail info is below. Whether she responds is up to her. Maybe true love does exist in Chicago.

Jackson's dater profile:

When she's not at Ravens in Lincoln Park, you might find Jackson reading, watching horse racing or dancing to late-'90s rock (although she says "Hot Child in the City" is the tune that best describes her dating life!) Why choose her? "I make a mean blackberry cobbler, I'll tell you how to over-under at the horse track, and won't chip my bright red manicure in the process."

The best date I've ever been on: Involved a Christmas tree, Yahtzee and a bottle of Rumple Minze



Name: Sally Jackson

Age: 26

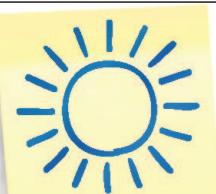
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Contact: sallyfromtheredeye@gmail.com

To meet

Chat it up with potential future roommates as part of Flatmate Meetup from 8-9 p.m. Wednesday at Easy Bar (1944 W. Division St.). RSVP at meetup.com/fmchicago.

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If you broke up with a guy to whom you had given a \$100,000 boat, would you ask for it back? Ask? Please. Take! See you at the harbor on Saturday.

My favorite thing to do in Chicago: Be on the water, at the friendly confines or out with my friends.

What RedEye's blog readers are saying about Sally.

"Sal is my kind of Gal!" - LM Ricketts

Go to redeyechicago.com/vibin to submit your own and to vote on this week's crop of singles. (This time they're dudes.)

To sip

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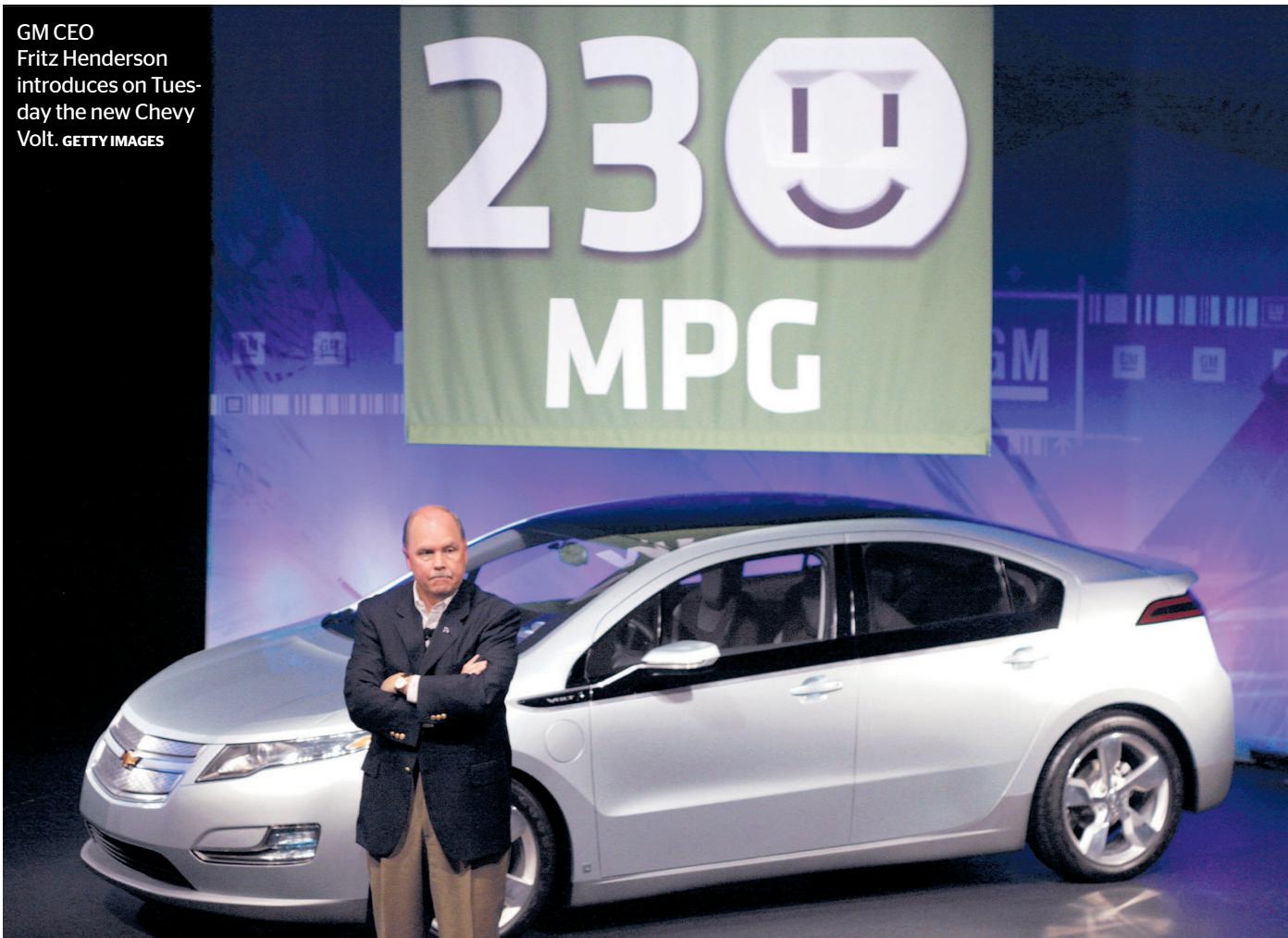
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VOLT'S BIG JOLT

GM says its new rechargeable car to get 230 mpg in city driving

Associated Press

WARREN, Mich. General Motors said Tuesday its Chevrolet Volt rechargeable electric car should get 230 mpg in city driving, more than four times the Toyota Prius.

The Volt is powered by an electric motor and a battery pack with a 40-mile range. After that, a small internal combustion engine kicks in to generate electricity for a total range of 300 miles. The battery pack can be recharged from a standard home outlet.

GM is marketing the 230-mile figure following early tests using draft guidelines from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for calculating the mileage of extended range electric vehicles.

The EPA guidelines, developed with guidance from automakers, figure that cars like the Volt will travel more on straight electricity in the city than on the highway. If a person drives the Volt less than 40 miles, in theory they could go without using gasoline.

Highway mileage estimates—which are generally higher than city ones—for the Volt have yet to be released using the EPA's

methodology.

"We are confident the highway (mileage) will be a triple-digit composite," GM CEO Fritz Henderson said.

If the figure is confirmed by the EPA, which does the tests for the mileage posted on new car door stickers, the Volt would be the first car to exceed triple-digit gas mileage.

EPA said in a statement Tuesday that it has not tested a Volt "and therefore cannot confirm the fuel economy values claimed by GM." The agency said it applauded "GM's commitment to designing and building the car of the future—an American made car that will save families money, significantly reduce our dependence on foreign oil and create good-paying American jobs."

Henderson said charging the Volt will cost about 40 cents a day, at approximately 5 cents per kilowatt hour.

Although Henderson would not give details on pricing, the first-generation Volt is expected to cost near \$40,000, making it cost-prohibitive to many people even if gasoline returns to \$4 per gallon.

ROAD TRIP!

We asked RedEye's social media fans where they'd go first after buying a Volt. Here are some of the replies. Get more mileage out of RedEye every day at twitter.com/redeyechicago and facebook.com/redeyechicago.

@aaax Antwerp, OH! Just because the name is funny

@David_Tellez if I were to buy a volt I would go to zambrano's house because he needs some gas for his body its running low

@MaryPalazzolo On the first tank? Finally get my license...maybe. :)

@PsalmOne 230 MPG? I'd go to Cali in search of the World's Biggest Fake Donut, then do donuts in the parking lot 'til the tank emptied.

GM has said, however, that government tax credits of up to \$7,500 and the savings on fuel could make it cost-effective, especially at 230 mpg.



EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER (1921-2009)

World remembers

Reaction to the death of JFK's sister and Special Olympics founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who died Tuesday at age 88:



"Above all, she will be remembered as the founder of the Special Olympics, as a champion for people with intellectual disabilities, and as an extraordinary woman who, as much as anyone, taught our nation—and our world—that no physical or mental barrier can restrain the power of the human spirit. Her leadership greatly enriched the lives of Special Olympians throughout the world, who have experienced the pride and joy of competition and achievement thanks to her vision."

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"She understood deeply the lesson our mother and father taught us—much is expected of those to whom much has been given. Throughout her extraordinary life, she touched the lives of millions, and for Eunice that was never enough."

—HER BROTHER, SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY



She "changed my life by raising such a fantastic daughter, and by putting me on the path to service, starting with drafting me as a coach for the Special Olympics."

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The truth about strip poker

You know what I realized? Strip poker is a total crock.

Across the country, sexually riled teenagers, college kids and twentysomethings are eagerly engaging in games of strip poker, merrily laughing and drinking as they deal out hand after hand of Texas Hold 'Em or five card stud while claiming that a wristwatch counts as an article of clothing.

But while strip poker may sound great in theory, in practice it always sucks.

Whenever you play strip poker, there are inevitably twice the number of guys involved. If there are two girls who want to play, you'll end up with four dudes. God forbid if three women want in because you'll be sitting at the table with six other men.

Then you'll start playing and, of course, the men are just way more into it. Ninety-five percent of the strip poker games I've ever been involved in have ended with five guys completely bare-ass naked and two girls coyly refusing to remove their underwear.

That's always the point when I realize these girls wanted the social cache of having "played" strip poker without actually having to sit around in their birthday suits with a bunch of creepy guys pretending not to look at them. It's also when guys typically realize that in their haste to see a woman naked, they have instead spent half an hour comparing naughty bits with other men.

Ladies, just to let you in on a little secret, this is how stupid guys are: Strip poker is one of the best ideas that we've come up with for getting women to undress. That's it. After 10,000 years that's still the best we can think of.

And as far as women are concerned, I'm totally on to you people. Even though most men still don't realize it, I've figured out that you're really only using strip poker as a way to embarrass us. You obviously don't really have any interest in seeing a bunch of regular, average-looking guys with strange chest hair patterns naked.

Of course, the irony is that we have no recourse. Women don't have to think of these complicated schemes to get us to take our clothes off. If I was somehow sitting in as a policy adviser in an Obama Cabinet meeting and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius told me to take my shirt off, I'd think "Well, that's highly unprofessional," and then spend the rest of the meeting flexing my bare chest in case she looked over at me.

So men of Chicago, I beg you, don't fall for this anymore! The next time you're at a party and someone suggests a game of strip poker, don't even bother. Just go find four other guys, go sit in a room naked and tell all the girls present, "There: We look like idiots. You happy now?"

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Groups fighting violence in Chicago

RedEye reviews four anti-violence groups in Chicago. Revenue numbers are from paperwork filed with the Internal Revenue Service and posted on [guidestar.org](#), which provides data on charity finances. **T.S.**

Build, Inc.

1223 N. Milwaukee Ave.
[buildchicago.org](#)
773-227-2880

Founded: 1969

2008 revenue: \$2,247,511

2007 revenue: \$2,170,293

Funding sources: Government, foundation, special events, corporations, United Way and individual support

Number of workers: 41

Territory: Belmont Cragin, East Garfield Park, Hermosa, Humboldt Park, Logan Square, Near North Side (Cabrini Green) and West Town

Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence

223 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 802
[ichv.org](#), 312-341-0939

Founded: 1975

2007 revenue: \$605,865

2006 revenue: \$490,750

Funding sources: Corporations, foundation and individual support

Number of workers: Four

Territory: Statewide, with a focus on South and West Sides of Chicago

Life Directions

414 S. Homan Ave., Second Floor
[lifedirections.org](#)
773-265-5806

Founded: 1973 in Detroit

2007 revenue: \$992,205

2006 revenue: \$903,446

Funding sources: Corporations, foundation and individual support

Number of workers: One full-time, one part-time as of press time

Territory: East Garfield Park, North Lawndale and South Lawndale

The Black Star Project

3509 S. King Drive, 2B
[blackstarproject.org](#)
773-285-9600

Founded: 1996

2006 revenue: \$302,617

2005 revenue: \$423,647

Funding sources: Fee-for-service work, foundation and individual support

Number of workers: Six full-time, four part-time

Territory: Austin, Englewood, Grand Boulevard, Humboldt Park, Kenwood, North Lawndale, Roseland and South Shore



Karon Clark (front, left) passes out CeaseFire information at the B'Ball on the Block event in Humboldt Park last month. CeaseFire is set to receive \$5.6 million in state funding, down from its typical \$6.2 million. **PHIL VELASQUEZ/Tribune**

THE FIGHT FOR PEACE

ANTI-VIOLENCE GROUPS STRUGGLE AS FUNDS DRY UP

By Tracy Swartz

REDEYE

Karl Bell typically chokes up when he passes the intersection of Augusta Boulevard and Parkside Avenue in Austin.

That's where Bell's younger brother, Andre, was shot and killed in 1980, two months before his 22nd birthday, Bell said.

Bell, 49, found out about the attack while he was in prison, charged with involuntary manslaughter. Nearly three decades later, including about 20 years behind bars, Bell walks to that same intersection with a message of peace.

Once an active gang leader in Austin, he is now the Austin outreach supervisor for the anti-violence group CeaseFire and its community group partner Youth Outreach Services. He regularly canvasses the neighborhood to mediate conflicts, check up on known violent offenders and pass out T-shirts, bumper stickers and dog tags with CeaseFire's anti-violence slogans.

Bell typically travels the neighborhood in a group. But lately he has been walking alone.

CeaseFire has been in limbo for the last six weeks. When the group

lost its state funding—which accounted for 85 percent of its budget—in the spending plan approved by the General Assembly last month, it was forced to lay off 150 workers, including all of its outreach workers. That has left only 20 violence interrupters to work the streets since July, said Tio Hardiman, CeaseFire Illinois director.

But good news came two weeks ago: Gov. Quinn announced CeaseFire would be receiving most of its state funding. The group is set to get \$5.6 million, down from the \$6.2 million it typically receives. Bell is hopeful the Austin office will reopen by Sept. 1 after CeaseFire rehires some of its workers.

CeaseFire is not alone in struggling to save its programs, staff and mission. Amid hard times for state-funded groups, anti-violence leaders who talked to RedEye said a decrease in government support and contributions from individuals has hurt their groups' presence in violence-prone neighborhoods at a time of year they're needed most.

Fifty-eight homicides were recorded in July, the most of any month this year, according to a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data. While that's down from the 64 murders Chicago police logged last July, the numbers tend to rise in the summer,

when kids are out of school, Chicago police statistics show.

July historically has been such a grisly month, Phillip Jackson dubs it "Hell Month." Jackson runs The Black Star Project, a Bronzeville-based group that walks through the South and West Sides handing out "Peace in the Hood" T-shirts and wristbands and placing posters in store windows. The group also hosts workshops for parents and teens on how to reduce risk factors for violence, such as dealing with anger in a constructive manner.

Black Star also is seeing its monetary support wane, and the group has had to lay off three workers this summer, Jackson said.

Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy director Phillip Hampton, who took over the community policing organization in mid-July, said groups such as Black Star "are clearly our partners."

"They're very important to us holistically. The police can definitely not do it alone," Hampton said. "CAPS program, too, has suffered cuts, as has any city agency. ... We're concerned about the overall impact it will have on our efforts to have a vibrant and safe community."

In stating his case for the need for government support, Hardiman points to August 2007, when former Gov. Rod Blagojevich vetoed money for CeaseFire. The loss of state funding came at about the time the Illinois auditor general criticized CeaseFire for poor accounting methods.

State Sen. Donne Trotter, who represents southeast Chicago and the south suburbs, also has criticized CeaseFire. Trotter told RedEye CeaseFire should share its funding with other anti-violence groups, which typically don't get nearly as much money as CeaseFire. "We have allowed this one approach the exclusive rights to try to make a difference in the community," said Trotter, the lead budget negotiator for Senate Democrats. "There are other approaches that have to be recognized."

In May 2008, a three-year Northwestern University study commissioned by the U.S. Department of Justice concluded that gun violence dropped 17 to 24 percent in six of seven neighborhoods that received CeaseFire services.

On a recent canvass in Austin, Bell, the outreach supervisor, encountered Andre Chatman, 18, whom CeaseFire has been counseling for a few months after he was arrested on a weapons violation charge.

"I'd probably still be getting into trouble if they're not around," Chatman said. "We would have no people to guide us."

Other groups hope they'll be able to keep their services intact. Build, Inc., based in West Town, provides homework assistance and tutoring help to six high schools and 20 elementary schools with high-risk youth.

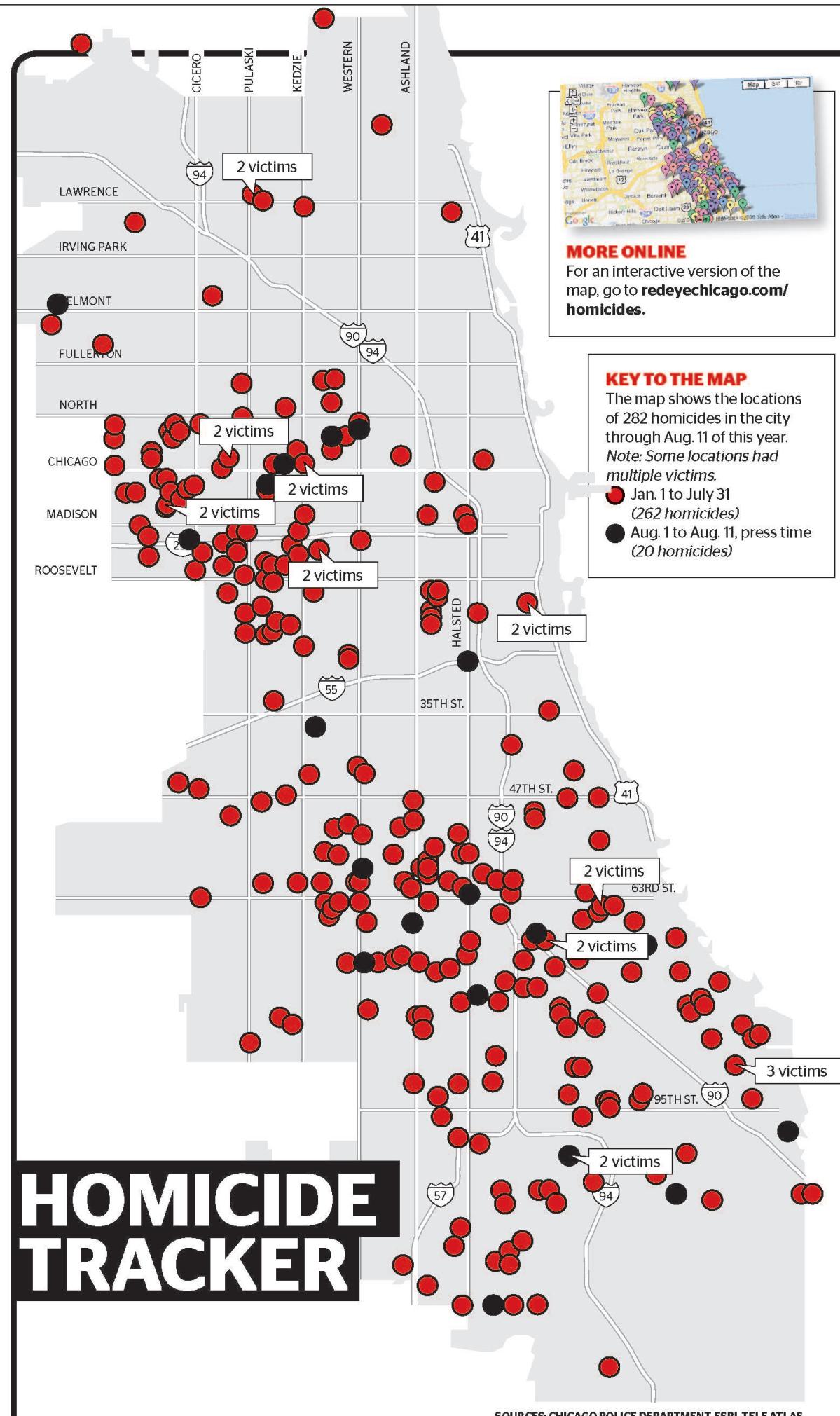
Because of decreased assistance from the government and United Way, Build, Inc., instituted furlough days for its staff from February through June, development director Amber Mandley said. Salaries were frozen July 1.

Black Star's Jackson said such cuts could lead to a rise in violence.

"These groups are basically the front-line fighters of the violence, but they're being left out there with no resources, with no support and they are going to go away," Jackson said. "There is no way that the police by themselves can stop or control the violence that is happening in these communities." TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM



CeaseFire Illinois Director Tio Hardiman (left) explains his anti-violence cause to residents on the West Side. **BRIAN J. MOROWCZYNKI FOR REDEYE**



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Vince Vaughn (right)
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John Hughes mourned

Family, friends and colleagues such as Vince Vaughn, Ben Stein and Matthew Broderick gathered in a Lake Forest funeral home Tuesday to remember filmmaker John Hughes. The director of "Breakfast Club" and "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," who worked and lived on the North Shore, died last Thursday of a heart attack in Manhattan at age 59.

Custard truce?

Outdoor seating at Scooter's Frozen Custard may return. At a meeting Tuesday, city officials invited the owners of Scooter's to apply for permits to place benches alongside their building. Dennis Moore left the meeting with representatives of the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection and the Department of Transportation confident that the applications will be approved.

Chance of showers— meteor showers

Did you notice hundreds of necks craned to the sky Tuesday night? They were gawking at the annual Perseid meteor shower, which brings up to 100 meteors per hour. The bright spectacle isn't over yet. The meteor shower is slated to peak between 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Wednesday, but they are obviously impossible to see in daylight.

Taxi fare going up

The increase in gas prices means Chicago's taxi fuel surcharge is coming back after expiring almost three weeks ago. The 50-cent-per-ride surcharge will go back into effect at 12:01 a.m. Thursday, according to the city's Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection.



South Side tragedy

A 9-year-old boy was crushed to death Tuesday when he was struck by a front loader being driven by his father at a South Side construction site. Police said Valente Torres apparently fell out of the loader and was hit by its bucket. Valente's father, Raul Torres, had been working on new construction at an apartment building shortly before 10 a.m. in the 8000 block of South Ellis Avenue when the accident happened, according to Chicago Police Lt. Anthony Carothers. **WARREN SKALSKI FOR TRIBUNE**



Valente Torres

Suspect held in recent Lincoln Park attacks

Chicago Tribune

A detailed description of a strong-arm robbery suspect was a key break in the investigation into the recent string of attacks in Lincoln Park, police said Tuesday.

A reputed West Side gang member was being interviewed Tuesday evening, and charges in one of four recent attacks in Lincoln Park were possible, a police source said.

The man was taken into custody Monday morning at his home, the source said.

The four robberies were marked by a swift and violent attack in the early-morning hours by a crew of several people that robbed victims—mostly young men—of wallets and other personal items.

One victim suffered a broken jaw.

Two of the four robberies happened about 2 a.m. July 30, one in the 600 block of West Fullerton

3 ROBBERY SUSPECTS ARRESTED

Separately, Evanston police early Tuesday morning arrested two men and a woman suspected in two robberies and beatings early Monday in Roscoe Village and Lakeview. They allegedly were driving a van stolen from a newspaper deliveryman who was badly beaten with a baseball bat. Police have not linked the attacks to the four recent Lincoln Park attacks.

Parkway and another in the 2100 block of North Stockton Drive.

On Aug. 1, there were two more assaults, at 3 a.m. and 3:30 a.m., in the 2000 block of North Cleveland Avenue and the 300 block of West Webster Avenue.

After the attack on Cleveland, a victim provided

a detailed description of one of the attackers.

That sketch led police to the arrest.

Any charges against the person in custody would likely be limited to the Cleveland attack, the source said. Detectives also were pursuing more suspects, and they would continue to investigate the suspect's possible involvement in the other assaults.

Police Supt. Jody Weis said Tuesday that he was encouraged by the break in the case and that the "person of interest" was cooperating.

"Hopefully, that will lead us somewhere," Weis said while speaking at a ceremony at police headquarters. "I am encouraged we have someone that is of interest, and he is speaking with us."

Weis said detectives were continuing to review old cases and that a fifth attack was being reviewed to see if it fit the pattern.

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1 Shaken and stirred

A father and son navigate around cracks in the sidewalk at Yaizu Port in Japan on Tuesday after a 6.5-magnitude quake hit the area. Trains were stopped and two nuclear reactors were forced to shut down for safety checks. **AP PHOTO**

2 Clinton pledges help

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton toured an African refugee camp Tuesday in Goma, Congo, and pledged \$17 million in American aid to help stem the tide of rampant sexual abuse that has staggered war-ravaged eastern Congo.

3 Deadly storm

Military helicopters ferried stricken villagers to safety Tuesday from remote Taiwanese communities such as Cishan hit by Typhoon Morakot that left at least 70 dead. Hundreds still were feared trapped by a torrent of mud and rock that buried their homes.

4 All a mistake

Three American hikers detained in Iran since July 31 entered the country by mistake and their families are hoping for a quick resolution that will reunite them with their children, the families said in a statement Tuesday.

5 Drug kingpin's plea

The boss of a Colombian drug cartel that smuggled some \$10 billion worth of cocaine into the U.S. pleaded guilty Tuesday in Miami to drug charges that will send him to prison for at least 10 years.

6 Major family dispute

A passion for gambling shared by two once-inseparable octogenarian sisters has ended up dividing the 83- and 87-year-old women, with the Connecticut Supreme Court ruling that one can sue the other for a share of a winning \$500,000 lottery ticket.

Twitter down again

Twitter has suffered from another attack following one that left the site down for several hours last week. Tuesday's outage was brief. The site said in its status blog that it is analyzing traffic data to determine the nature of the latest attack.

Obama administration seeks the plane truth

7 **WASHINGTON** The Obama administration has opened an investigation into whether consumer protection regulations were violated last week when 47 passengers were stranded overnight on an airport tarmac in Rochester, Minn.

The Transportation Department has sent Continental Airlines a letter asking for details on Continental Express Flight 2816, which left Houston at 9:23 p.m. Friday but didn't arrive at its destination in Minneapolis until after 11 a.m. Saturday.

In between, the plane spent nearly seven

ANSWER IN SIGHT?

Legislation pending in the Senate to authorize Federal Aviation Administration programs includes a provision that would require airlines to return passengers to the gate after a three-hour tarmac delay.

hours on a runway in Rochester, where it had been diverted because of thunderstorms, before passengers were allowed to go inside an airport terminal. Two and a half hours after disembarking, passengers reboarded the same plane and were flown to Minneapolis.

"Reasonable people are outraged at the idea of being stuck on a small plane for seven hours," Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood wrote in a column posted online. "Flyers and those who are considering flying want to know that should a delay occur, they will be treated respectfully."

DOT officials want to know who was responsible for the well-being of the passengers—Continental or ExpressJet, the regional air carrier that operated the flight for Continental—and why the flight remained on the ground as long as it did, LaHood said.



Deadly blasts

8 **BAGHDAD** People inspect a damaged bus Tuesday after a car bomb exploded in the Shaab neighborhood. A double truck bombing Monday in Mosul and blasts in Baghdad brought the Iraqi death toll to more than 100 in four days, the worst spasm of violence the country has suffered since U.S. forces left the cities. **AP**



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Google has lifted the lid on a new version of its search engine, allowing users to look at the results it will generate.

The new engine, available at a separate address, looks the same as the current one but ranks results differently, which could affect businesses who rely on Google results to drive traffic.

In a blog posting late Monday, Google Inc. says the new engine, code-named "Caffeine," will be faster, more accurate and more comprehensive.

The public testing of the new engine comes two weeks after Microsoft Corp. struck a deal to replace Yahoo's search engine with its own Google competitor, called Bing. Yahoo Search and Bing are the second and third most popular engines after Google.

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\$65 million

Two well-dressed thieves walked into a London jewelry store last week and, after brandishing handguns, made off with \$65 million worth of gems in one of Britain's biggest jewelry heists, police said Tuesday.

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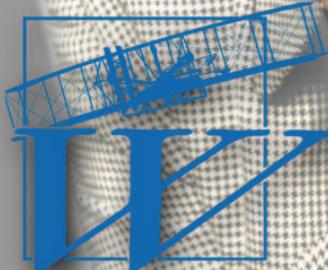
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"I never focused the light on just me. That's just who I am. To this day I'm all about my teammates. This is a team game. If I was a tennis player, it'd be a totally different story. But I've always liked team success over individual accolades."

... the Bulls

"You know we see Chicago early this year?"

... friendship

"You know how sometimes when you try to get the band back together, you have to iron out the differences first? This took one call. We [he and his high school teammates] were all together as friends before this movie came out anyway."



LeBron James runs through a line of his high school teammates in the documentary "More Than a Game."

The King comes to town

LeBron James visits Chicago to promote his documentary 'More Than a Game'

Chicago Tribune

Sprawled across a couch in a downtown hotel suite, LeBron James laughed.

No, the NBA's reigning most valuable player wasn't in town Monday and Tuesday to house hunt in advance of his 2010 free agency, a time when the Bulls oh-so-conveniently possess ample salary-cap space.

Instead, James visited to promote "More Than a Game," a compelling documentary tracing James' life-long bond with four teammates and a coach as they chase the dream of a national championship from AAU ball as



LeBron James sits with his former high school coach Dru Joyce on Tuesday in Chicago. **BRIAN CASSELLA/Tribune**

11-year-olds through high school in Akron, Ohio.

Originally started as a 10-minute college project by first-time director Kristopher Belman, the movie is scheduled for an Oct. 2 release in select cities and Oct. 9 in Chicago.

James is an executive producer and he lights up like he's on a breakaway when recalling last September's well-received premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival. Then he explains why he helped bankroll a national release.

"The name speaks for itself," James said. "The word 'sport' will live long after LeBron James and coach Dru Joyce. But this story shows if you have a dream, it may take years and you will have bumps. But if you stick with it, you can reach it. And it shows if you have chemistry and brotherhood and loyalty, you can go anywhere."

KIDS' STUFF

LeBron James appeared later Tuesday at an unrelated event with Mayor Daley at Seward Park that recognized 1,000 kids enrolled in a summer sports program that emphasizes discipline, teamwork and sportsmanship. **TRIBUNE**



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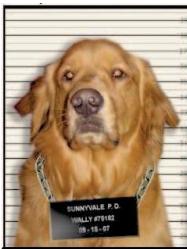
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Jen Patterson is on CSN's "Monsters in the Morning" 6-9 a.m. weekdays. Julie DiCaro is on ChicagoNow 24-7 at chicagonow.com/blogs/league-of-her-own.



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1 Talk about bad timing: The Cubs face Phillies pitcher Pedro Martinez tonight. How do they beat him?	With piano legs. This was a rather violent question.	Send Don Zimmer after him.	Wear "Vote for Pedro" T-shirts. I have no idea what this accomplishes.	Just make sure they don't face the 1999 Pedro. They can beat this creaky 37-year-old version.	It depends: Is Don Zimmer back with the Cubs?
2 How would you discipline Ozzie Guillen for suggesting the Sox will retaliate when their batters are beaned?	I wouldn't. Watching White Sox drama is my chief source of entertainment.	Make him sit with Ronnie "Woo Woo" at a Cubs game at Wrigley.	Stand behind Ozzie, throw a beanball at Prince Fielder, then get the heck out of the way.	Have Bud Selig throw a fastball at him. In other words, not much.	Send him to anger management classes.
3 What's the buzz around your alma mater's football team?	I went to Indiana University, so everyone, including the football team, is waiting for basketball to start.	We have a saying at Kansas about football: It's not basketball.	One of Norfolk State's top players is named Dwight Fluker-Berry. Speaks for itself.	No Chase Daniel and Jeremy Maclin = back to suckage for the Missouri Tigers.	They are still waiting to be formed. I went to Columbia.
4 If Michael Vick can be forgiven and play in the NFL again, then If I can change, and you can change ... EVERYBODY CAN CHANGE!	... Jen Patterson can forgive David Hernandez. Or not.	... Drew Peterson deserves a second chance at love.	... what exactly are we as a nation going to tell Benji, Lassie and Rin-Tin-Tin?	... Pete Rose's lifetime ban from baseball should be lifted.
5 Why is Roddy White one of the NFL's highest-paid receivers?	If I could figure that out, I'd be applying to be an NFL receiver.	A lot of luck and a lot of talent.	Because Atlanta's usually the place where receivers go to die. Wait, that sounds familiar.	He's one of the top wideouts in the league now. Fantasy sleeper, kiddies.	Because Atlanta had \$20 million extra to spend from Vick's suspension.

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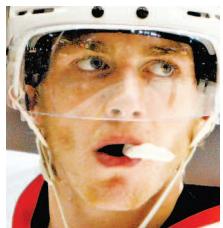
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Kane's defense takes shape



Kane

As more details emerge about the cabdriver involved in an altercation with Patrick Kane that led to the arrest of the Blackhawks winger, Kane's lawyer said Tuesday his client "is devastated anyone would accuse him of a crime."

Kane, 20, was arrested along with his cousin, James Kane, 21, Sunday morning in Buffalo after Jan Radecki accused them of assaulting him and taking back cab fare the cousins had paid him because he couldn't produce 20 cents in change from \$15 paid for a \$13.80 fare.

Radecki said the Kanes punched and choked him, tearing his clothes and breaking his glasses after he had picked them up around 5 a.m. Sunday. It since has been reported Radecki locked the doors of the cab and wouldn't let the Kanes exit until they had paid and that Radecki, 62, had been driving with a revoked license.

"[Kane] wanted nothing to do with this cabdriver in any way, shape or form," Kane's lawyer, Paul Cambria said on WMVP (1000-AM).

PHILADELPHIA 4, CUBS 3 (12 INNINGS)

Aramis Ramirez hopes to return to the Cubs lineup by Thursday after receiving a cortisone shot in his left shoulder Tuesday. He said he's been playing with some level of pain since returning from the disabled list last month, and is resigned to the fact he'll probably play in pain the rest of the season. "I'm going to have to," he said.



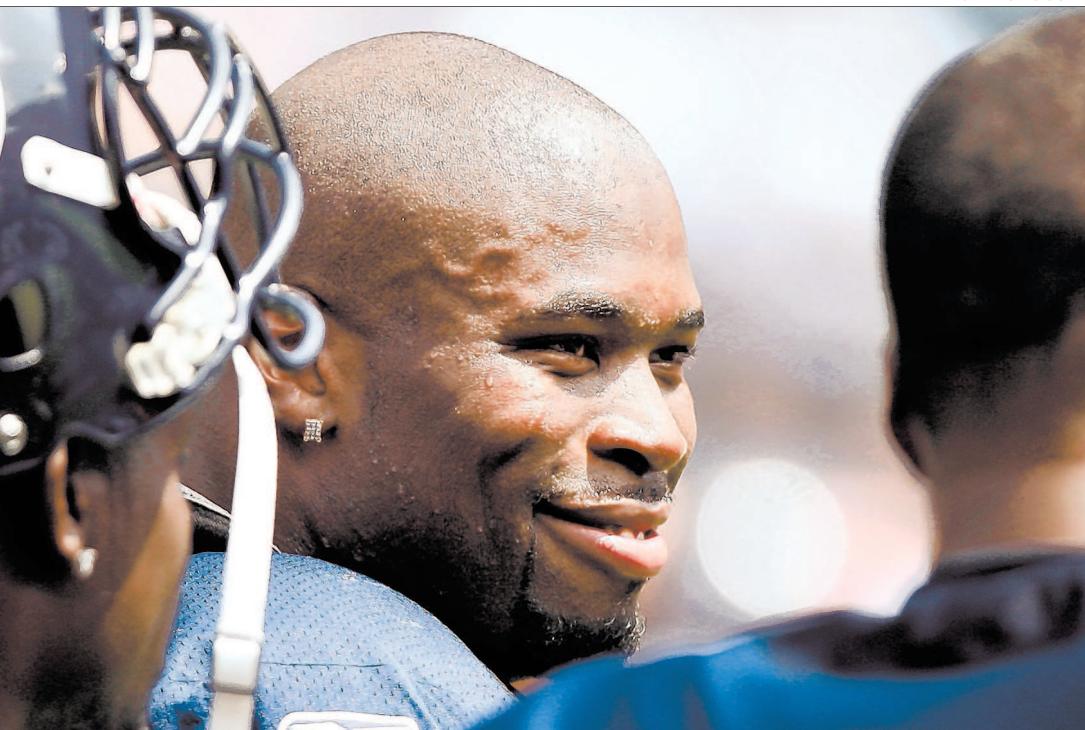
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Idonije pounds it out

BOURBONNAIS Israel Idonije shed 40 pounds this off-season because he figured he would be part of the defensive end rotation. But the 6-foot-6-inch, 266-pound veteran continues to work exclusively at defensive tackle with Tommie Harris recovering from knee surgery.

To Idonije, the weight loss wasn't all for naught.

"I didn't lose a lot of my lean mass," he said. "I was 248 pounds lean mass at 306 pounds. At 266 pounds, I'm 241 lean mass. So with my muscle mass, I haven't lost too much. I feel good at defensive tackle."

It is unclear how long Idonije will remain with the first-team defense at the position. Harris, whose

slow progress in training camp is related to his knee and not a hamstring, wants to play in Saturday's exhibition opener at Buffalo. If Harris is out, Idonije is sure to line up with the starters, with rookie Jarron Gilbert the next option.

Idonije pointed out that most of his reps last season came at defensive tackle, with only five snaps at defensive end.

"I'm comfortable at tackle," he said. "I feel good in my hips, knees and ankles with that weight loss."

Idonije does not anticipate Harris' situation to linger.

"I'm not worried about Tommie," Idonije said.

WHITE SOX AT SEATTLE, LATE

White Sox fans who bought rookie Gordon Beckham jerseys and T-shirts with his No. 15 inscribed apparently can relax. Newly acquired outfielder Alex Rios said he's content with wearing No. 51, even though he wore No. 15 for six seasons in Toronto and has more seniority than Beckham.

» Tiger Woods is interested in adding a gold medal to his collection of green jackets. Woods indicated Tuesday that he would play in the Olympics if golf became part of the program in 2016.



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The L.A. Lakers' Pau Gasol had surgery on an injured index finger Tuesday. That's funny. I usually injure a finger while watching the Lakers too. Guess which one? Here now, my TV picks.

MLB



Cubs vs. Philadelphia

7:05 p.m. WGN/ESPN

It's only a spot start for Jeff Samardzija, but with the Cubs' luck, he'll be injured in warmups.



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Brew cruise

Hop in the car and point your compass toward one of these 3 brewery tours

By Metromix staff

If all this newfound heat has elevated your summertime wanderlust (but not your cash-flow to allow plane tickets to, oh, Belgium), it's high time to take a day trip. Pack the car, grab your pals and hit the open road. What better destination than a microbrewery to quench your thirst on a hot day?

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Estimated drive time: 45 minutes

Tours: Brewery general manager Gabe Nanni leads free 45-minute tours at 1 and 2:30 p.m. sharp every Saturday (no reservations needed; check twobrothersbrew.com for special event closings). After, visit the Brewer's Coop, a store stocking home-brewing gadgetry, and settle into the Tap House to taste Two Brothers' brews on tap. Besides favorites such as Domaine DuPage French country ale and the Bitter End pale ale, the most recent release is Moaten, a Flemish-style red ale brewed in collaboration with Belgian brewery Urthel. The bar serves full-size drafts (\$4-\$6) rather than samplers, so counter your intake with a pulled pork sandwich (\$9) or pizza (\$8-\$15) with Prairie Path ale worked into the crust. Don't leave without an ice cream float (\$3) made with the brewery's cinnamon root beer (or upgrade to Northwinds stout, \$6).

Pit stop: Cascade Drive-In Movie Theater (1100 E. North Ave., West Chicago), about 20 minutes north of Two Brothers, is one of the few drive-ins in the state, complete with old-fashioned window speakers and a popcorn-hawking concession stand. Your ticket (\$8.50) buys two movies at 8 p.m. and 10:10 p.m.; the first is usually more family-friendly. Be there when the box office opens at 7 p.m. sharp if you want a prime parking spot.

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Tours: Milwaukee is serious about brew, and Lakefront waves that flag high. The 22-year-old microbrewery offers tours on the cheap—\$6 buys you the tour, four 8-ounce samples of beers such as Fuel Cafe stout and Cream City pale ale, a souvenir pint glass, and a coupon for a free beer at a local bar. The brewery also hosts a weekly fish fry (\$10-\$14) from 4-9 p.m. on Fridays. Reservations aren't accepted, so get there an hour early for the most popular tours, running 2, 3, 3:30 p.m. and every half-hour from 6-8 p.m. Friday, and hourly from 12-3 p.m. Saturday. Your best chance to sneak in? During the 2 and 3 p.m. tours Monday-Thursday. Just be prepared to raise a glass: Tour guides are known for instigating beer-chugging games.

Pit stop: After all that drinking, you'll need food to fuel you homeward. Stop off at **Mars Cheese Castle** (2800 120th Ave., Kenosha, Wis.) about 20 minutes north of the state line for a brat (\$5.25), specially made for the roadside cheese purveyor by Usinger's and served with house-made German potato salad. Wash it down in the bar with Mars' locally popular bloody mary (\$5) and—if you're up for it—a pint of Spotted Cow (\$4).

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Estimated drive time: 45 minutes

Tours: Tours (\$1) take place at 3 p.m. Saturdays and run about 30 minutes. Samples aren't included, but you can hit the adjacent brewpub afterward. In addition to year-round offerings such as Alpha King, an American pale ale, and seasonals like Gumballhead, an American wheat beer, you'll find brewery exclusives. Currently on tap (\$6 each): barrel-aged Moloko milk stout and Oatgoop, an oatwine brewed in collaboration with Denmark's Mikkeller brewery. Stocking up? Purchase bottled beers as well as growlers (\$12) of Alpha King, Gumballhead, Pride and Joy (mild ale), and Robert the Bruce (Scottish ale). T-shirts and other merch showcasing the brewery's edgy style (Three Floyds is known for bad-ass label art, some employing designs from Chicago-area artists) are available too.

Pit stop: We could steer you to dinner on your way out of town, but it's tough to beat the brewpub's grub. Standbys on a menu that changes frequently include a sausage-wrapped, panko-crusted Scotch egg (\$3) and juicy steak burgers (\$8) with beer-infused accompaniments such as Robert the Bruce ketchup. Brewpub hours: 11:30 a.m.-midnight Tuesday-Friday; noon-midnight Saturday; noon-10 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday.

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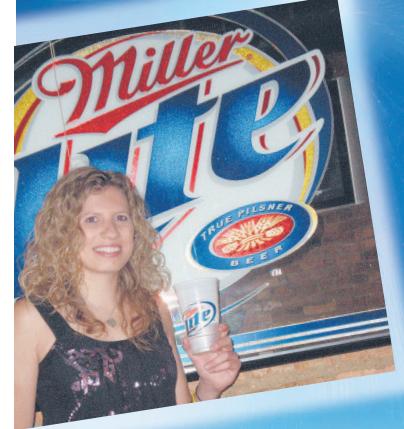
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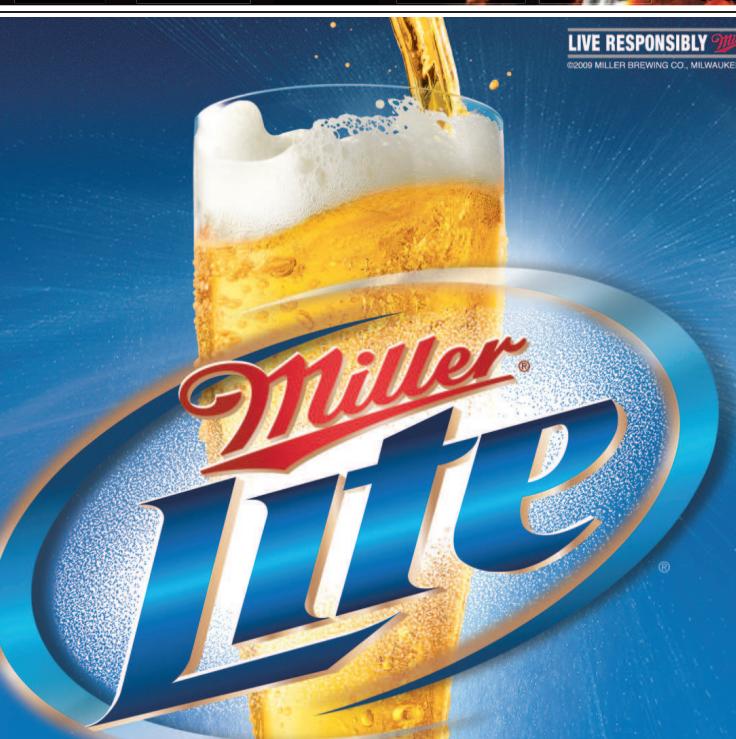
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Random Acts of Greatness

5 things we're loving this week



1 Fair-trade boutique **Greenheart's new location** (1911 W. Division St.). Not only is there more space to browse the shop's brightly hued beach bags, natural bath goodies and mouth-watering chocolates than at its former downtown digs on LaSalle, but we're thrilled to see it getting more foot traffic.

2 "The Cove." A documentary about the killing of dolphins isn't the happiest of subjects, but it's a well-reported, shocking and heart-racing thriller sure to get you worked up.

3 The **back patio** at Lincoln Park Chinese/sushi spot **Dee's** (1114 W. Armitage Ave.). You wouldn't even know it's there, but once you're parked in the cozy, hidden space, you'll be glad it is.

4 The **rebujito** (\$6) at **Flo** (1434 W. Chicago Ave.). If you're starting to tire of mojitos, this simple Spanish cocktail mixing sherry, lemon-lime soda and muddled mint delivers the same summery feel with a more complex flavor.

5 The **drive-thru service** at **Portillo's Hot Dogs** (100 W. Ontario St.). Manned by no fewer than three employees standing outside looking for ways to expedite your order, it was jaw-droppingly speedy.

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\$5 margaritas, vodka lemonades and select martinis; 1232 W. Belmont Ave. 773-929-2667.

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Rib Night. \$10 half-slab, \$18 full slab, \$3 Bud and Bud Light bottles, \$4 import bottles, \$5 Ketel One cocktails; 1645 W. Cortland St. 773-862-7877.

DELILAH'S
\$2 PBR longnecks and Old Crow shots, DJs spin 9 p.m.; 2771 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-2771.

DIRTY MARTINI
Industry Night. \$3 Jameson shots, \$5 bombs, \$2 domestic bottles, \$2 off martinis; 23 W. Hubbard St. 312-661-1230.

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\$4.50 beer of the month drafts; 216 N. Wabash Ave. 312-263-0200.

FAITH & WHISKEY
\$6 40-ounce Colt 45 bottles, \$3 Jim Beam Red Stag shots; 1365 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-248-9119.

FION WINE & SPIRITS
\$3.50 craft and import bottles; 426 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-549-5400.

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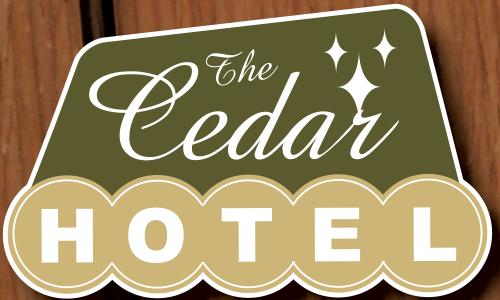
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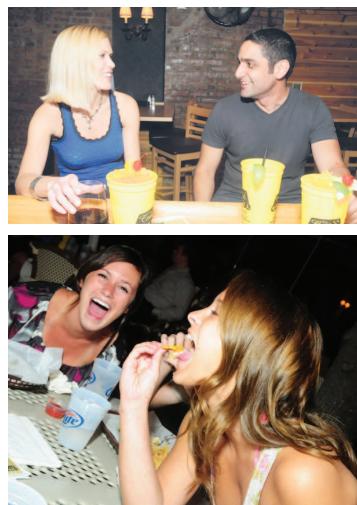


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NIGHTCRAWLERS Photos of who we've seen on the scene**Checking in**

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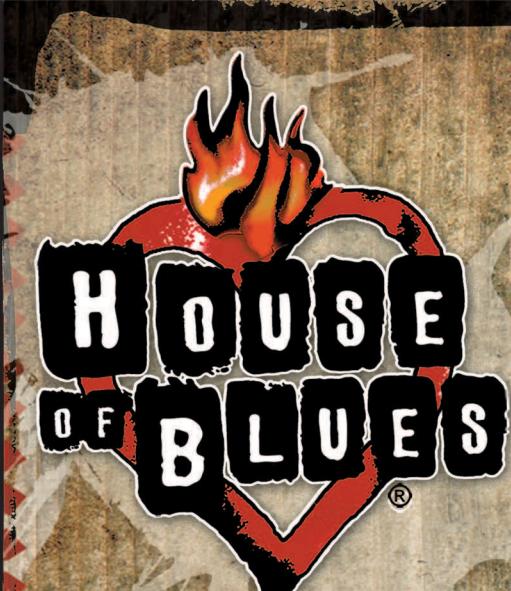
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1 7:30 p.m. Fri. at United Center
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Jason Mraz
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2 Jason Mraz

7 p.m. Thu. at Northerly Island's Charter One Pavilion
Sunny songs sound just right outdoors.

3 Blink-182

6:30 p.m. Sat. at First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre
Welcome back!

4 I Fight Dragons

10 p.m. Sat. at Martyrs'
You'll be talking about it afterward.

5 Angel Taylor

8 p.m. Fri. at SPACE
That's a nice voice.

The singing drummers

The Felice Brothers' stick man steps into the spotlight with The Duke and the King

By Andy Hermann

"When the Felice Brothers started, we did anything we had to do to get from town to town," drummer Simone Felice admits with a laugh. "And sometimes that involved felonies."

If the sound of New York folk-rockers the Felice Brothers (comprising Simone and his siblings Ian and James) embodies that kind of youthful, devil-may-care mentality, the sound of Simone's new project, The Duke and the King, is more grown-up and contemplative on its debut, "Nothing Gold Can Stay."

From his home in Palenville, N.Y., Felice, 32, owned up to his soft-rock jones and tried to explain the many nicknames of his partner—the "King" in The Duke and the King—Robert Burke.

Your bandmate is known as Robert, Bob, the King, Chicken, Bird—how many nicknames does the guy have?

He's got a bunch. I think people that have the biggest spirits have a lot of nicknames—like the devil. The weirdest spirits have a lot of different people inside them.

Not that you're comparing your partner to the devil.

No, no, no. It's like Al Pacino says in "The Devil's Advocate": "I have many names." [Laughs] But, you know, he's one of my best friends, and [he] toured around with Sweet Honey in the Rock, one of the best a cappella groups. He was the first drummer to play with them on a couple world tours. When he came back from those tours, I really sensed a new thing that he had, and it was this sort of understanding of vocal harmony and the strange sort of magic that happens when harmonies come together.

The Duke and the King

When: 10:30 p.m. Friday
Where: Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave.
Tickets: \$10-\$12, 773-525-2508

You and Bob are drummers, yet the emphasis on this album is really on melody and vocal harmony.

It's not a drum clinic at Guitar Center, thank God! The funny thing is, Stevie Wonder was a drummer. So was Marvin Gaye and Barry White. Paul McCartney played a lot of drums, and I think we come from that kind of school where the drums just sort of serve the song and help get the meaning of the song across. The touring group is a three-piece: It's me and Bob and Nowell Haskins. [Nowell is] the son of Fuzzy Haskins from the original Parliament-Funkadelic, which is cool. He's one of our best friends, and he's a drummer too. So the touring group is three singing drummers.

The new record is very gentle and intimate, but it doesn't sound like it's coming from a dark place. Most of the songs are very beautiful and hopeful.

I'm glad it came out that way. More than anything, I think the songs are sort of like prayers. They're sort of like mantras for my heart, for my girl's heart. Growing up, the first music I ever listened to was Joni Mitchell. Her record, "Blue," I think, is probably my favorite, if I had to choose one. When I first got my Walkman, I was about 9 or 10. The song that mesmerized me and sort of got me high on music for the first time was "We Are the World." It was such a hit in my little hick town. There was a hick radio station; they played it every half-hour. So I would wait on my grandma's lawn with my Walkman and my headphones on and wait for "We Are the World" and sing along. It made me feel like I was on another planet.

There is a reference in one of your songs to wanting your MTV, so you're obviously part of that MTV generation.

Yeah, absolutely. I'm a little older than my brothers, so I grew up in that MTV time. So pop music and radio music—soft pop—I loved. Growing up, I loved hearing a Lionel Richie song. That's the stuff I love, and I'm not ashamed to say it. I love Phil Collins; I can't front. I love Cyndi Lauper. And at the same time, I love Blind Willie McTell and all the great bluesmen. Nina Simone is one of my favorites. Jimi Hendrix is my hero.

Have your brothers James and Ian heard the record yet?

Yeah, actually James sent me a text the other day out of the blue and it said, "'Lose My Self' is the [bleep]!"

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The Duke and the King's Simone Felice (left) and Robert Burke

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Blane Fonda

Blane Fonda**"Masters of Stars and Broken Arms"**

(Self-released)

Not the party-starting, self-deprecating nephew of Jane Fonda, though the bittersweet dance-rock might lead you to believe otherwise. In fact, Blane Fonda comprises 80 percent of Metromix Rock 'n' Vote alums the Sapiens, with new lead singer Mark Wetzel. While the Sapiens were promising but a little fidgety, Blane Fonda both tightens up and extends itself, as keyboardist Matt Witt often takes the lead and pushes certain grooves, like the chorus of "In Search of the Giant Squid," into synth-heavy, bombastically sweaty territory. Much of the album focuses on temporary excitement, with Wetzel dropping lines like "Modern woman's getting younger/she doesn't want to settle down with so many other men to love" and "I can't tell if this is love or hate/let's get drunk and make mistakes." Who can turn down a proposition like that?

CD release show: 8 p.m. Thu. at Schubas**Imelda May****"Love Tattoo"**

(Verve Forecast)

Jazzy, soulful and oh-so-sassy, Dublin-raised, London-dwelling Imelda May's "Love Tattoo" nails both old-school boogie (opening dance-floor filler "Johnny Got a Boom Boom"; the hip-swiveling title track) and smoky ballads ("Knock 123"; "Meet You at the Moon"). Lesser tracks like "It's Your Voodoo Working" and "Big Bad Handsome Man" struggle to break out of their generic vamps, but May gives even a standard blues stomp like "Smotherin' Me" a breathless, heated frustration. She's part Norah Jones and part Amy Winehouse with a splash of Janis Joplin, boasting a piano- and guitar-driven retro sound that could have found a spot on the "Swingers" soundtrack. "Watah Gonna Do" closes the disc with a fierce bit of fire, proving that May may not always be in control, but she sure likes it better when she is.

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The Decemberists,
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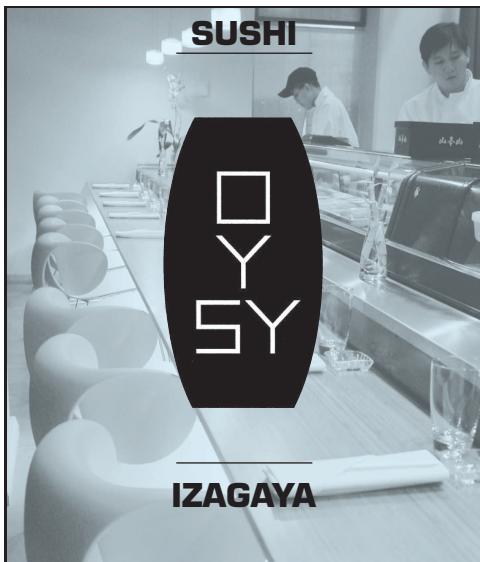
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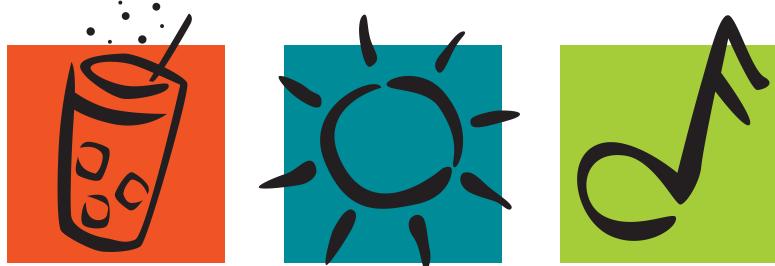
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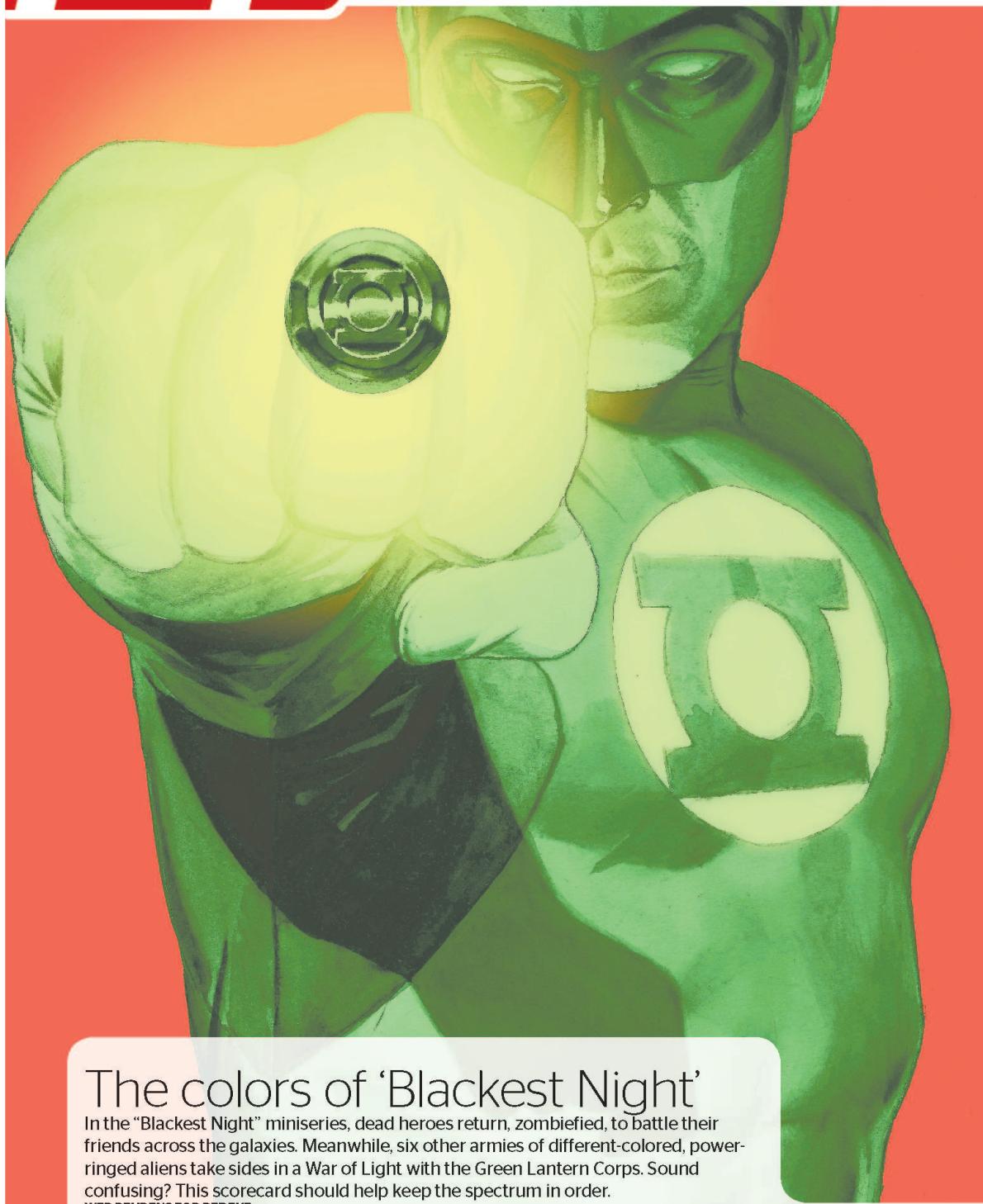


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In the "Blackest Night" miniseries, dead heroes return, zombiefied, to battle their friends across the galaxies. Meanwhile, six other armies of different-colored, power-ringed aliens take sides in a War of Light with the Green Lantern Corps. Sound confusing? This scorecard should help keep the spectrum in order.

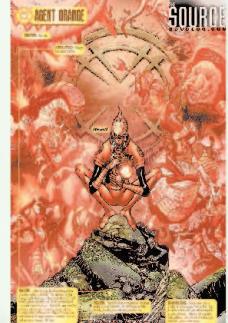
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RED LANTERNS

EMOTION: Rage
SPECIAL POWER: Red Lanterns vomit a crimson substance that burns even in the vacuum of space, as long as hatred is present.

LANTERN LORE: The last survivor of a massacre on his home planet, the anger-fueled Atrocitus performs blood rituals.



ORANGE LANTERNS

EMOTION: Greed
SPECIAL POWER: Larfleeze absorbs his prey into his lantern, then conjures orange specters of his dead victims to populate his "corps."

LANTERN LORE: Hal Jordan hilariously compared Larfleeze, the evil glutton, to Gonzo.



YELLOW LANTERNS

EMOTION: Fear
SPECIAL POWER: Almost exactly like the Green Corps, only with yellow rings.

LANTERN LORE: Renegade Sinestro, once the greatest Green Lantern, formed his own corps of alien intimidators.



GREEN MACHINE

Comic book character turning up everywhere

When Matt Sardo quit full-time bartending to open a comic book shop three years ago, he commissioned a custom-made, neon Green Lantern sign for the storefront.

"I've always been into sci-fi, and Hal was always the headstrong superhero," said Sardo, 32, who as a kid fell under the green-ringed spell of Hal Jordan, a test pilot chosen by aliens to join a cadre of space cops. He even stuck with the "Green Lantern" comic as it declined in the 1990s "because that was the guy I liked."

With geek cred like that, it's no wonder Sardo's been pumped for this summer, when his favorite superhero takes center stage in the much-anticipated, best-selling comics event "Blackest Night."

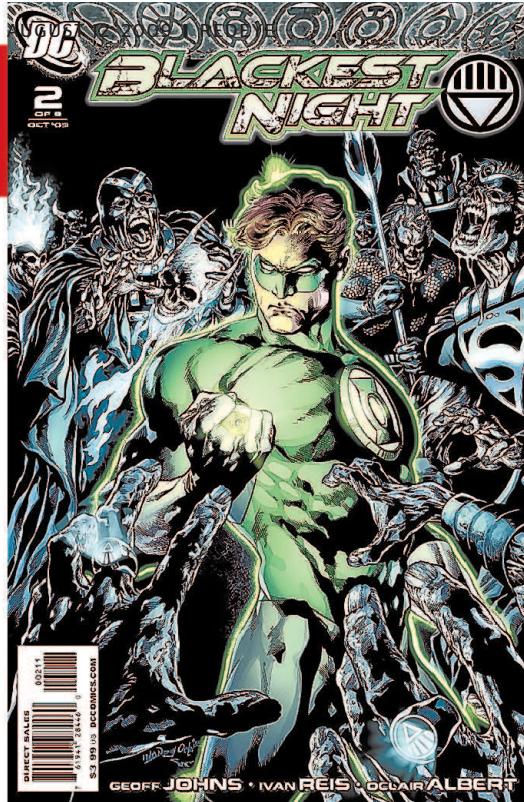
"Everybody's hyped up," said Sardo, owner of The Comic Vault in Ravenswood. "It's like your favorite baseball team doing well."

Like Sardo, many superhero fans can recite the entire Green Lantern oath—or at least quote its key opening phrase: "In brightest day, in blackest night." Thanks to a recent explosion of all things Lantern, it might be only a matter of time until the oath is as well-known as "Faster than a speeding bullet!"

Beyond the GL comic books, the character headlines a just-released animated DVD, and last month Ryan Reynolds signed on to play Hal Jordan in a live-action film, slated for a summer 2011 release. On Wednesday, the second issue of "Blackest Night" hits comic stores, an event with enough cross-over buzz that it made this week's "Must List" in Entertainment Weekly.

When "Blackest Night" debuted four weeks ago, Sardo packed The Comic Vault and sold a record number of copies. The story is the

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same for Shawn King, co-owner of Evil Squirrel Comics in Rogers Park.

"My sales for 'Blackest Night' are through the roof," said King, who named his dog Kilowog after a character in the comics. "'Captain America: Reborn,' which is supposed to be the other big event going on right now, is just sitting on the shelf."

Not bad for a guy who debuted in 1940 as a sort of modern-day Aladdin with a magic ring, clad in a purple cape and puffy red shirt.

The character—the entire concept, really—was overhauled in 1959, when newcomer Hal Jordan became the first human recruit of an intergalactic police force, the Green Lantern Corps, whose members are granted power rings. Controlled through sheer force of will, the rings create constructs of solid green light, limited only by their wearers' imaginations.

All of the buzz appears to put the hero on the same trajectory as Wolverine, the breakout "X-Men" star. Yet despite the fact Green Lantern was a founding member of the Justice League along with Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman, "for many people, he's a second-tier superhero," Alan Burnett, writer-producer of the new DVD, told RedEye. "He's a B-



plusser—but get ready. He's about to become A-1."

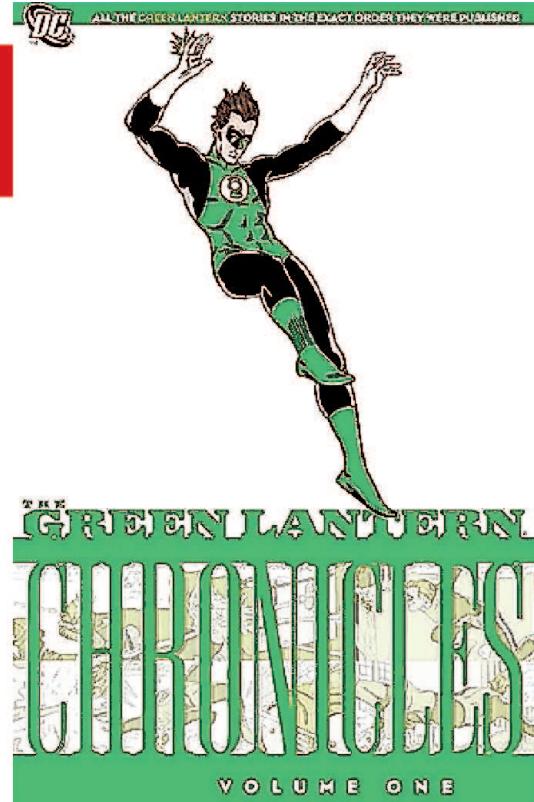
Hal has "never been B-list in my mind," said writer Geoff Johns, who's spearheading the rebirth of the Lantern franchise at DC Comics. "By the time the [live-action] movie hits, I think Green Lantern has the potential to be one of the biggest characters in any media."

Another indication of fans' enthusiasm came at last month's Comic-Con International, the annual pop culture fest in San Diego, when a standing-room-only crowd of 4,000 turned out to watch the world premiere of the animated DVD, "Green Lantern: First Flight." Organizers had to schedule a second screening to accommodate demand.

DC Comics Executive Editor Dan DiDio told RedEye that Lantern T-shirts outnumbered Batman and Superman shirts at Comic-Con—the first time he'd ever witnessed that.

"It shows you how much everyone's getting on board," he said.

While Hollywood prepares the live-action film (to be directed by Martin Campbell, who rebooted James Bond with "Casino Royale"), fans have plenty to keep them happy. In addition to two monthly "Lantern" comics, "Blackest Night" is luring new



readers with a mashup of superheroes, sci-fi and zombies.

Johns began setting up "Blackest Night" in subplots almost four years ago. He clued in his readership during 2007's "Sinestro Corps War," in which Green Lantern's arch nemesis formed his own battalion of lanterns, all armed with yellow power rings. As that sleeper hit concluded, Johns revealed plans for a so-called War of Light that would incorporate aliens with rings of every color in the spectrum. Just as the green power rings demand the will of their wearer, other-colored rings are each powered by a different emotion. It all culminates in "Blackest Night," during which the dead rise and wield black power rings.

It's the kind of sprawling epic that fantasy and sci-fi fans live for, and creators are confident GL has the momentum to go big-time.

"What's great about Green Lantern," Burnett said, "is that he's part of an entire universe unto itself, with a family of characters as big as 'Lord of the Rings' or 'Harry Potter.' So there's all this potential for Green Lantern to break out, and I think his time is right."

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LANTERN MANIA

In true superhero fashion, Green Lantern is popping up everywhere these days. You can find him in ...

» An eight-part DC Comics event, "Blackest Night"

» A live-action movie starring Ryan Reynolds as space cop Hal Jordan and scheduled for release in 2011

» A full-length animated DVD, "Green Lantern: First Flight," which was released July 28

» Two monthly comics, "Green Lantern" and "Green Lantern Corps"

» The "Justice League" cartoon from earlier this decade, available on DVD (featuring John Stewart, not Hal Jordan)

And if you're looking for Green Lantern back story, try these graphic novels:

» "In Brightest Day," an anthology of classic comics from the past 50 years

» "Secret Origin," "The Sinestro Corps War," "Sins of the Star Sapphire" and "Rage of the Red Lanterns"



BLACK LANTERNS

EMOTION: None. (They're dead!)

SPECIAL POWER:

They feed on others' emotions, and increase their power level with every kill.

LANTERN LORE:

Earthman Black Hand is manipulated into igniting the Blackest Night war by the twisted Guardian called Scar. The identity of the even greater, deadlier power whom Scar serves still is unknown.

GREEN LANTERNS

EMOTION: Will
SPECIAL POWER: As long as their willpower stays unperturbed by volatile emotions, Green Lanterns can create anything their owners imagine.

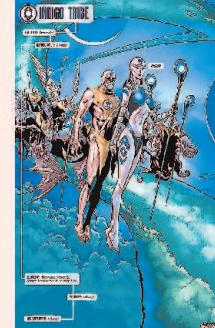
LANTERN LORE: Hal's partner, John, still grieves his dead wife. Odds are she'll be arriving soon to give him big zombie kiss.



BLUE LANTERNS

EMOTION: Hope
SPECIAL POWER: The uber-powerful blue rings can reignite even a dying sun—but they require the presence of a Green Lantern to work at full strength.

LANTERN LORE: This clan functions like the spiritual leaders of the universe.



INDIGO TRIBE

EMOTION: Compassion
SPECIAL POWER: Unknown—but they carry staves of power, instead of power rings.

LANTERN LORE: Hardly anything has been revealed about these intergalactic gypsies, who have yet to appear in "Blackest Night."



VIOLET LANTERNS

EMOTION: Love
SPECIAL POWER: The purple rings form beautiful, near-impenetrable crystalline structures.

LANTERN LORE: Carol Ferris, Hal's sometimes-lover, was the first of the so-called Star Sapphires.

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Christian Siriano already has made his fierce mark on the fashion world, so it would only make sense to go after the beauty world now as well. His makeup line for Victoria's Secret is bold, not to mention affordable. And fans of cool packaging will appreciate the pyramid design of this gold eye shadow compact—easy to spot in a stuffed purse! The eye shadow comes in five shades.

JOANNA GUSTAFSON FOR REDEYE

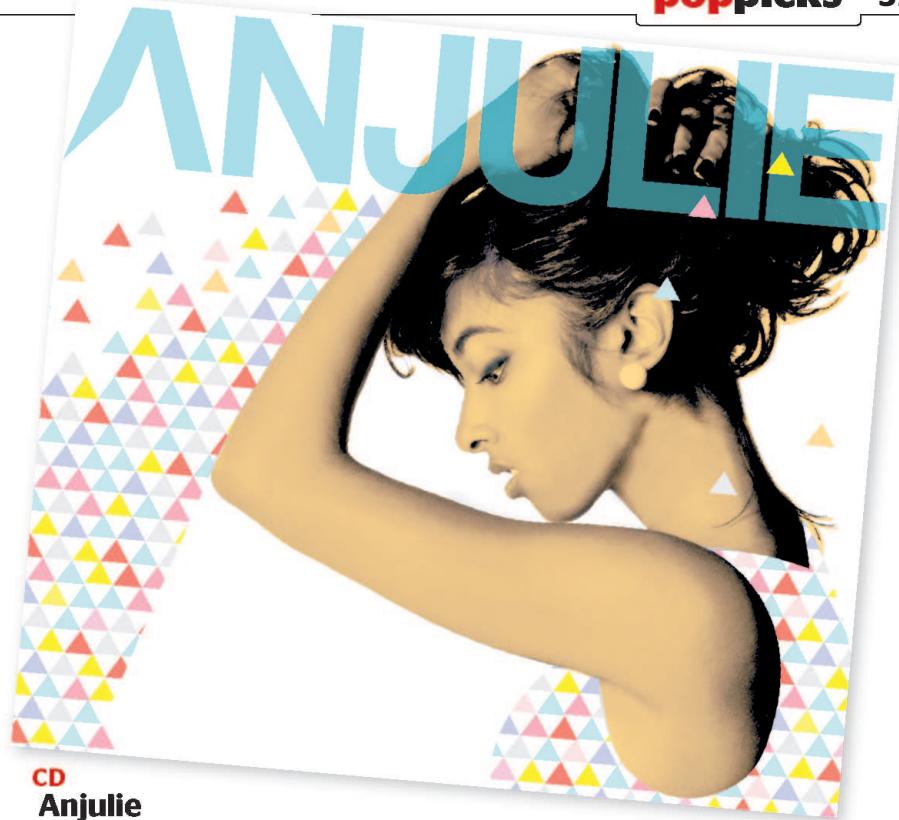

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**CD****Anjulie***"Anjulie," Hear Music/Monster Music*

Listening to Anjulie's self-titled debut CD is like hearing a nice blend of Nelly Furtado and Corinne Bailey Rae, vocally speaking. But what makes this newcomer's album so impressive is the lyrical content. The Canadian pop singer, whose parents migrated from Guyana, is mostly singing love songs—but not typical ones. Check out "Addicted2Me," in which Anjulie's voice is definitely addictive with its winning bridge, "Nobody's got a love like mine." **MESFIN FEKADU, AP**

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Bravo's recipe for 'Chef'-cess

Tribune newspapers

LOS ANGELES In his thick Italian accent, former "Top Chef" contestant Fabio Viviani spoke of his dream, his secret dream to "be filthy rich, grow 20 acre of cilantro and drop a bomb on it. It tastes like soap."

The audience of eager foodies laughed. Last season's winner, Hosea Rosenberg, shook his head and egged Viviani on. "Yeah, do the Fabio thing, whatever it is. They'll love it."

The pair came to L.A. last month on the final stop of the "Top Chef" tour, a 22-city showcase demonstrating how big Bravo's cooking prowess has become. The competition show in its fifth season averaged almost 4 million viewers—a figure that exceeds anything on the Food Network—and is regarded as Bravo's top franchise. Its sixth season premieres Aug. 19.

"I think Bravo struck gold with their timing," Rosenberg said. "Right now, people's interest in food and chefs is at an all-time high. I'm still shocked at how many kids watch the show. I walk out in my restaurant, and they're freaking out. They're hyperventilating."

The new season of "Top Chef" is set in Las Vegas and boasts the show's highest-caliber lineup yet. Among them: a Michelin star recipient, more than one James Beard Award nominee and several who have trained with world-class chefs.

"All I can tell you about Season 6 is that it's by far the best food we've had," said "Top Chef's" head judge Tom Colicchio. "I know you think I'm just saying that, but it was really, really good."



Former "Top Chef" contestants Fabio Viviani (left) and Ryan Scott cook during the presentation for "Top Chef: Las Vegas." AP

Beyond the show

With "Project Runway" now on Lifetime, "Top Chef" is king of the Bravo empire, and it continues to expand its influence. Here's a look. **TRIBUNE NEWSPAPERS**

Cookbooks and tools

In the book world, "Top Chef: The Cookbook" became a New York Times best seller, and a follow-up, "Top Chef: The Quickfire Cookbook," will be released in October. Meanwhile, "Top Chef" branded knives, bouquets from Teleflora and a line of luxury wines also are on the way, as is a subscription-based online cooking class taught by past contestants.

Spinoffs

A second edition of "Top Chef Masters" is being discussed, as is another spinoff, "Top Chef Juniors," which still is in development at the network.

After the show

The show's alumni have capitalized on their newfound fame. "Top Chef's" inaugural winner, Harold Dieterle, opened his own place, Perilla, two years ago in New York City. There's still a wait to get in. (Later this year, viewers will be able to catch up with other past contestants in a special, "Top Chef: Where Are They Now?")

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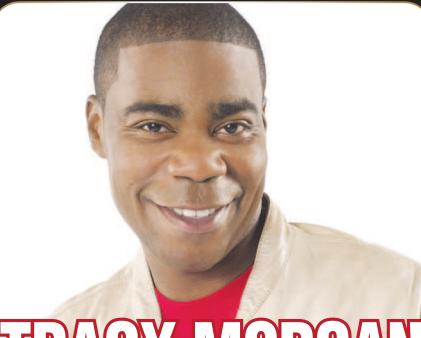


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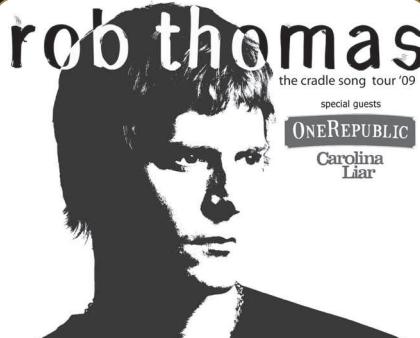
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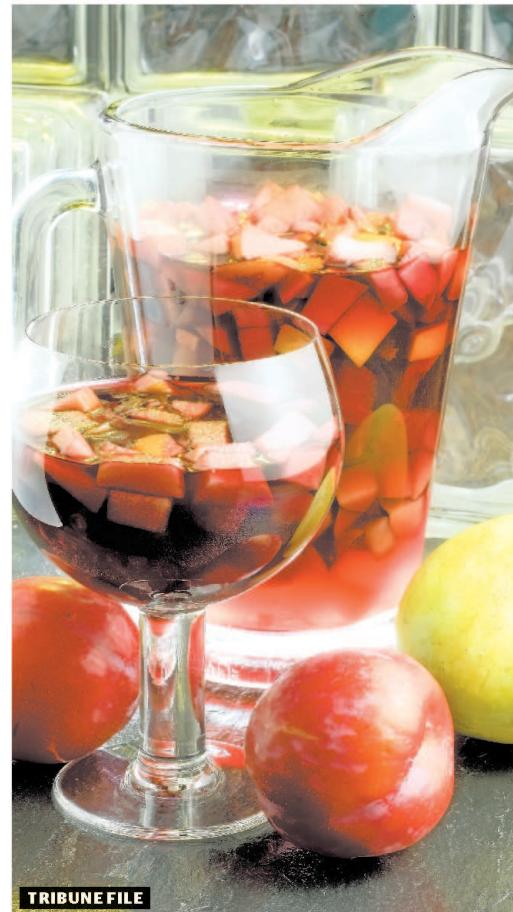
My secret for the perfect sangria

I'll be the first to admit there are times the weather is just too hot and humid to enjoy a traditional glass of wine. During the dog days of summer when the mercury rises to uncomfortable levels, I want something cold, fruity and refreshing. Nothing fits the bill better than a festive pitcher of sangria.

There is no perfect recipe for sangria. It is typically made from red wine, fruit juices, soda water, chunks of fruit, brandy or rum (sometimes), and spices such as cinnamon. A white version—or sangria blanco—also can be made using a light-bodied white wine that has not been aged in oak barrels. You also can make sparkling sangria using Spanish cava or Italian prosecco.

Sangria's traditional fruits include apples, pears, oranges, grapes, lemons and limes, but I've also enjoyed recipes that call for strawberries, peaches, pineapples and even mangoes. Since the drink is served in a pitcher or punch bowl, it is ideal for larger parties because guests can help themselves. It also can be relatively inexpensive to make.

Here is my basic recipe for sangria. You can easily adjust it to suit your tastes. The key is to have fun and experiment! For a base wine, use something inexpensive such as a simple pinot grigio, chianti or even jug wine. **REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR ALPANA SINGH IS DIRECTOR OF WINE AND SPIRITS FOR LETTUCE ENTERTAIN YOU ENTERPRISES AND THE HOST OF "CHECK, PLEASE!" ON WTTW.**



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ALPANA'S SANGRIA

- » 1 750-milliliter bottle of red or white wine
- » ½ cup fresh-squeezed orange juice (or to taste)
- » 1 cup diced oranges
- » 1 cup diced green apples
- » 1 cup diced Bartlett pears
- » 1 cup other fruits if desired (mango, peaches, grapes, cherries)
- » ¼ cup sugar
- » 2 teaspoons of lemon or lime juice
- » A couple of cinnamon sticks if you like a spicier taste
- » ¼ to ½ cup brandy or rum (optional)
- » ½ cup flavored liqueur such as Grand Marnier, peach schnapps or PAMA pomegranate liqueur (optional)
- » 1 cup lemon-lime soda

- » Mix the ingredients and refrigerate for at least an hour.
- » When you are ready to serve, pour mixture into a punch bowl or a jug filled with ice, mix in lemon-lime soda to desired sweetness. If you want something less sweet, use seltzer water. Let your guests serve themselves or pour into cups garnished with citrus wheels.

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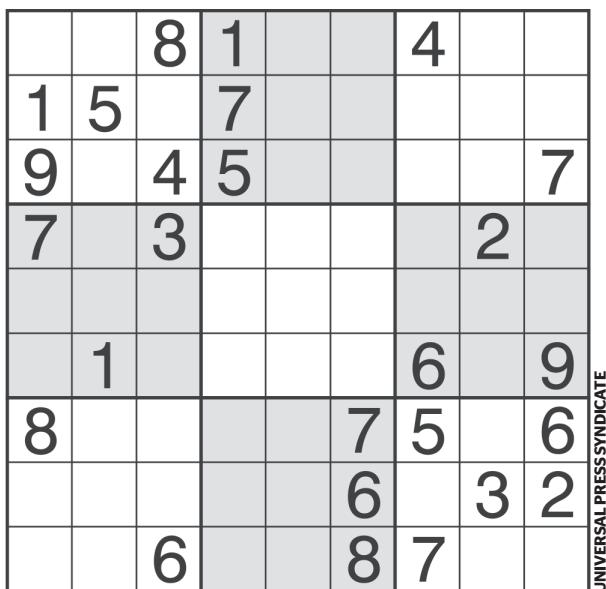
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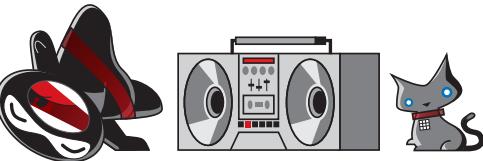
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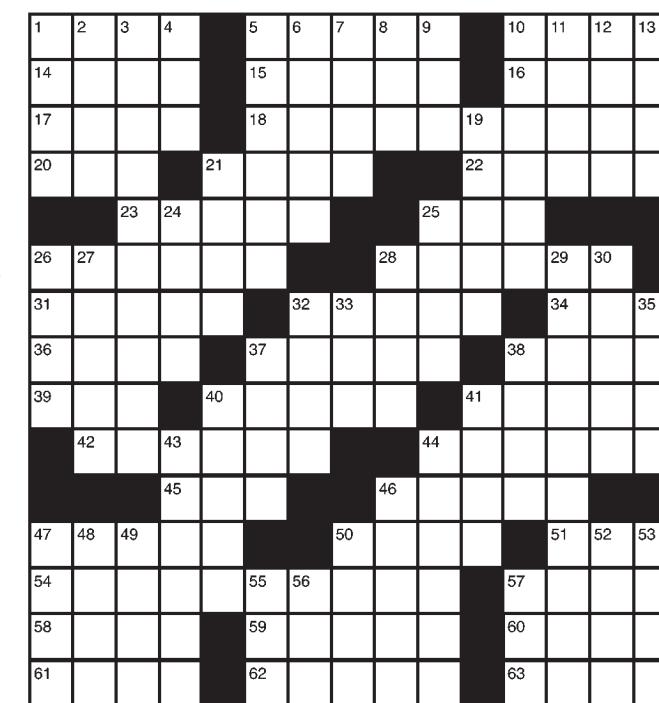


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- ACROSS**
- Jar abruptly
 - Biblical tower
 - Pocket bread
 - Woodwind instrument
 - Board
 - Mountain goat
 - Gale
 - Like very heavy rains
 - Actor Marvin
 - Give the cold shoulder to
 - Walkway
 - Metric unit of capacity
 - Adam and —
 - Word before shower or suite
 - Go abruptly off course
 - Solitary man
 - Thin porridge
 - Wedding words
 - Aeons
 - Peruses
 - Small wooden pins
 - City transport
 - Trousers
 - Absorbent cloth
 - Get away
 - Waist-length jacket
 - Not at home
 - Seamstress
 - Water lily
 - Cruel
 - Took a chair
 - Teen
 - Equestrian's command
 - Deal with difficulties
 - Martini & __ Asti Spumante
 - Pigpen sound
 - Scottish Gaelic language
 - Tiny map
 - Fencer's sword
 - Compassionate one
 - Wading bird
 - Small duck
 - Wheel support
 - Everybody's button
 - Night twinkler
 - March 15, e.g.
 - Moms of lambs
 - Swiss capital
 - Goof up
 - Strong caustic
 - measurement
 - Lawn tool
 - Autry or Kelly
 - Traitor
 - Capital of Norway
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 - Warsaw resident
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 - "Scat!"

**DOWN**

- Part of a double chin
- Off-Broadway award
- Feeling of desolation
- Caroline's uncle
- Sailor's chapel
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It's a boy!

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Associated Press

Jennifer Hudson has a new role—that of a proud mother. The 27-year-old Oscar winner gave birth to her first child, David Daniel Otunga Jr., on Monday, according to her publicist, Lisa Kasteler of WKT Public Relations. He is named after her fiance, David Otunga. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

"The baby is beautiful and perfect," Kasteler says. "His parents are ecstatic."

Hudson, who also is a Grammy-winning singer, had not confirmed she was expecting before announcing news of the birth.

The entertainer suffered a tragic blow last fall when her mother, brother and nephew were slain here in her native Chicago. Her sister's estranged husband is charged with the killings.

Hudson, who gained fame first as a top contender on "American Idol," won an Academy Award for best supporting actress for her portrayal of Effie in "Dreamgirls" in 2007. Earlier this year, she won a Grammy for best R&B album for her self-titled debut CD.

The birth was first reported by the Hollywood Reporter's [showbiz411.com](#).

Hudson and Otunga
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Was she
or wasn't she?

Our mothers always told us never to assume a woman is pregnant until she's on the way to giving birth. It was especially tough with J-Hud, who would never say whether or not she was expecting. Now that we know, let's take a look back and see where the signs were pointing. **JIM WALSH, REDEYE**

◀ **The Grammys in February**

Preggers? It didn't even cross our minds.



Madison Square Garden in April

Nope. We weren't ready to ask just yet.



The 'Today' show in May

After the blog buzz, this flowing red top piqued our interest.



Michael Jackson's memorial in July

The stork has landed!



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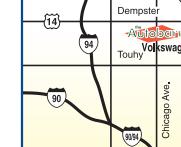
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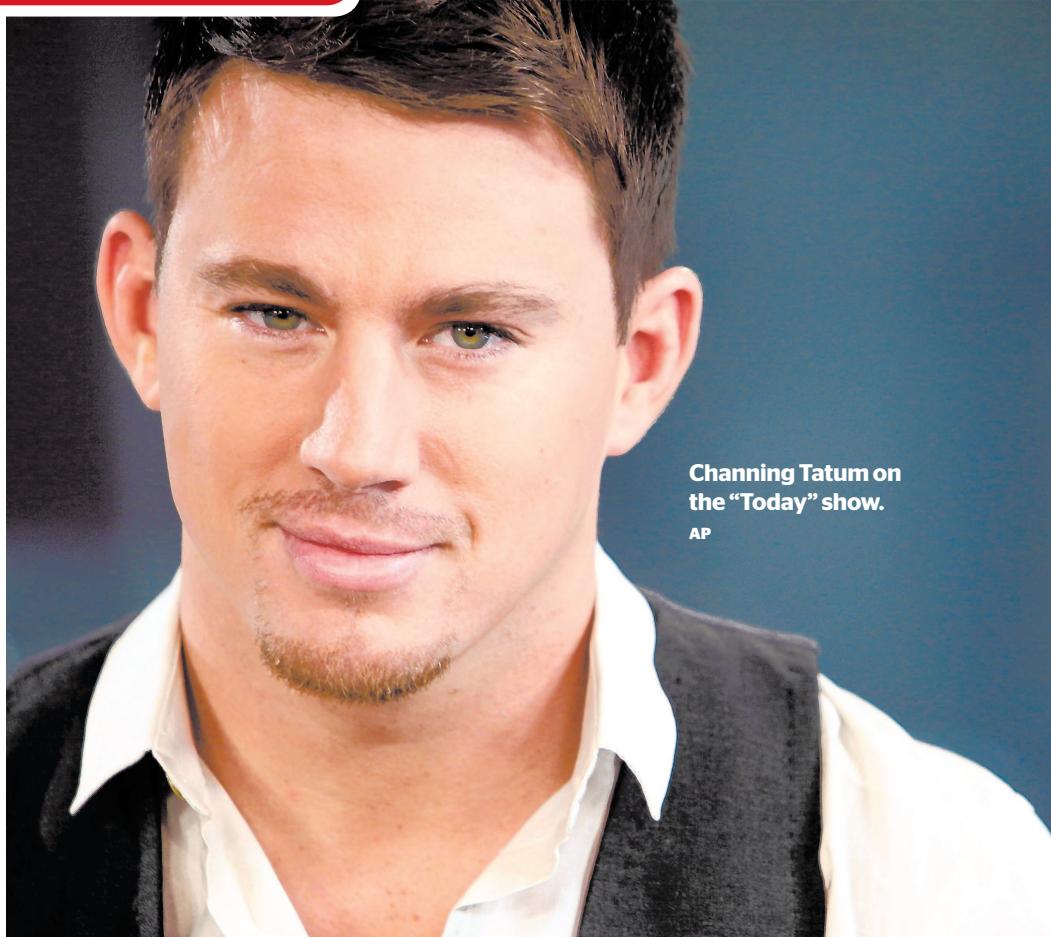
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OPRAH WINFREY
talking on Gayle King's satellite radio show about an interview she did with Jay-Z for O magazine, according to [mtv.com](#)



Stripper diaries

Channing Tatum, "Step Up" star, "G.I. Joe" stud ... former stripper? [Usmagazine.com](#) has unearthed a video from 1999 of Tatum dancing in a Chippendales-style revue called Male Encounter. Tatum, then 18, performed shirtless (no nudity) under the alias "Chan Crawford" during his yearlong stint with the troupe, according to Us. "The women went crazy for him!" troupe owner London Steele told the mag. Tatum's gig eventually led to an appearance in Ricky Martin's "She Bangs" music video after a casting agent spotted him in the show. Hey, we all gotta start somewhere.



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Arnett

Arresting development

Will Arnett is a jackass. At least he'll star as one in a new Fox comedy, according to The Hollywood Reporter. Arnett is teaming up with his former "Arrested Development"

creator/executive producer and co-executive producer for the comedy about a cad who falls in love with a tree-hugger who can't stand his lifestyle or values.

MTV's new crib?

MTV is relocating. The network will move out of its famed Times Square studio at the end of the year after parent company Viacom dropped the lease, the New York Post reports. The space served as the famous venue for "Total Request Live," which MTV canceled last year. The network will keep its space at 1515 Broadway, according to the Post.



Ledger

Sneak peek

Fans finally got their first look Tuesday at Heath Ledger's final performance in the fantasy film "The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus." The movie's trailer, on YouTube, features Ledger, as well

as Johnny Depp, Jude Law and Colin Farrell, who stepped in to take over Ledger's role. Ledger was halfway done with filming on "Parnassus" when he died. The film hits theaters Oct. 16.

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The reported amount of Simon Cowell's three-year contract with "American Idol," according to [people.com](#).